



1994 MOUNTAINEERS - Kings Mountain High's baseball team recently finished third in the Southwest Conference and qualified for the state playoffs. Front row, left to right, Timmy Harrelson, Robert Wingo, Kevin Melton, Duane Patterson, Kenny Bridges. Second row, Ricky Stinson, Nathan Champion, Mike Cobb, Josh Turbyfill, Chris

Hutchins, Michael Bell. Back row, Coach Nelson Connor, Brian LeFevers, Bryan Leftwich, Sharee Hopper, Sidney Bridges, manager Chuck Canipe, Coach Paul Neisler. Not pictured, Coach Danny Denton.

Juniors lose three games, Stanley here on Saturday

Kings Mountain's Juniors allowed seven unearned runs Monday night as they lost their third straight Area IV game to Gaston Post 23, 8-4.

Nelson Connor's charges, now 2-4, hope to rebound Saturday night at home when they host Stanley in a doubleheader beginning at 6 p.m. Post 155 travels to Cherryville Sunday and Bessemer City Monday, and returns home next Tuesday to face Shelby.

Post 155 managed just four hits Monday at Gastonia and was held hitless for six innings. Sharee Hopper pitched well for KM, scattering eight hits, but five errors led to his downfall.

"Sharee pitched well," Connor said. "Only one of their runs was earned. I don't know that we played that poorly, we just had some hits that turned into unearned runs on plays that should have been made. Some players are playing positions that they aren't accustomed to and they're not reacting as quickly as we hoped they would."

Kings Mountain got three of its hits in a two-run seventh inning, and scored its other two runs in the top of the ninth.

"I thought we acquitted ourselves pretty good," Connor said. "We're an extremely young group, and with some mature leadership and if we can get a few more players to jell on a given night we can beat anybody."

Caja Ormand got KM's first hit to lead-off the seventh inning, and scored on a triple by Kevin Melton. Melton scored on a double by Mike Cobb.

Kings Mountain's two runs in the ninth came on a walk, Benji Ingle's single and a Gastonia error.

Kings Mountain fell to arch rival Shelby 14-2 Friday night in Shelby. Caja Ormand's solo home run put Post 155 on the scoreboard

in the fifth, and the other run came in the eighth when Ingle was hit by a pitched ball and later scored on Cobb's double.

Kings Mountain's only other hit was a fourth inning single by David Jenkins.

Bessemer City outscored Post 155 16-10 in a Thursday night game at Bessemer City. A five-run eighth inning broke it open for BC.

Kings Mountain took a 4-0 lead in the top of the first as Kenny Bridges, Ormand and Brian LeFevers had big hits. But Bessemer City came right back with five runs in the bottom of the first to take the lead. The big blow was a home run by Brick Hill.

Ormand's three-run home run gave Post 155 a 7-5 lead in the second, and a home run by BC's Josh Martin trimmed the margin to 7-6 after three innings.

Bridges walked and later scored on an error to give KM an 8-6 lead in the fourth, and the lead increased to 9-6 in the fifth when Cameron Falls doubled and scored on a double by David Jenkins.

Bessemer City got a two-run homer by John Ferguson to cut the margin to 9-8 after five complete innings, then a three-run blast by Kenneth Shamar put BC on top for good in the sixth, 11-9.

In action last Tuesday, Post 155 defeated Stanley 8-3 behind a route-going performance by Hopper. He struck out eight and allowed seven hits.

A three-run home run by Brian LeFevers in the top of the first inning got Post 155 off to a quick start. Stanley trimmed the margin to 3-2 after three innings. Kevin Melton's sacrifice fly made it 4-2 in the sixth, and hits by Hopper, Jenkins and Wingo keyed a two-run rally in the seventh which made it 6-2.

Summer bowling begins

Summer Duckpin Bowling League got underway Tuesday night at Dilling Heating.

Jack Barrett grabbed an early lead with a four-game sweep of Allen Myers, and John Dilling won three of four games from R.W. Hullender.

Barrett has an 8-0 record, followed by Dilling 6-2, Hullender 2-6 and Myers 0-8.

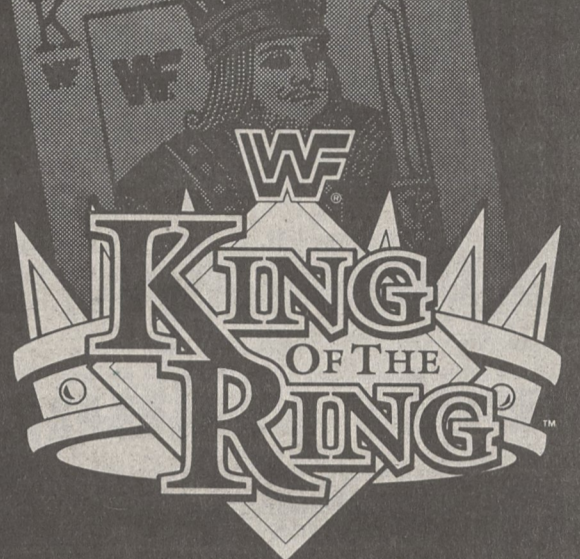
Jack Barrett's 132 line and 367 set and Chuck Ruley's 137 line and 364 set led Barrett's victory. Myers led his team with a 109-316.

John Dilling bowled a 125 line and 318 set and Carol Quinn added a 114-312 to lead Dilling over Hullender. R.W. Hullender led his group with a 116-line and 318 set.

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